

A bill for an act

relating to elections; allowing certain persons access to multiple unit residences for certain campaign and election purposes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 211B.20, subdivision 1.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 211B.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Prohibition.** (a) It is unlawful for a person, either directly or indirectly, to deny access to an apartment house, dormitory, nursing home, manufactured home park, other multiple unit facility used as a residence, or an area in which two or more single-family dwellings are located on private roadways to a candidate who ~~has~~ filed is currently filed for election to public office or to campaign workers accompanied by the candidate, if:

(1) the candidate and workers seeking admittance to the facility do so solely for the purpose of campaigning for a candidate, registering voters, or getting out the vote; and

(2) the candidate and any campaign workers accompanying the candidate are within the territory for which the candidate is currently on file for election.

(b) A candidate and campaign workers obtaining access under this section must be permitted to leave campaign materials for residents at their doors, except that the manager of a nursing home may direct that the campaign materials be left at a central location. The materials must be left in an orderly manner.

(c) A violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor.